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In our new columns this morning we print an exceedingly important dispatch from New York containing information from Madrid that the Spanish Government has issued a decree forbidding the entry of Americans into that city was threatened by a mob on the night of the 19th instant. We also print the latest official communication received by our Government regarding the pending difficulties with Spain and the situation on the island of Cuba. The deduction from the facts given confirms the assurance which we have repeatedly made, that the Government has exhausted every legitimate resource, up to this time, in placing itself in such an attitude as to enable Congress to act intelligently and promptly when the subject is laid before it.

CUBA—MAN DOMINGO.

Only three years ago all the Democratic and many of the Republican newspapers were filled with speculations upon San Domingo and the probable policy of the President. The spring before Mr. Sumner and Mr. Brown were denouncing the annexation scheme in the most violent language in different parts of the country were demanding impeachment. All that the President did was to accept, so far as he could accept it, a portion of one of the richest islands in the world; the possession of which to-day would be of incalculable advantage to us in a military point of view. But the air was filled with calumny and slander; accusations of the gravest character were brought against some of the highest officers in the Government, until finally the President in self-defense was compelled to call on Congress to appoint a commission to visit the island and ascertain the charges made and report the results of their observations. When that commission returned they presented a report sustaining in every respect the position of the Executive, and which he transmitted to Congress with the memorable words: "And now my task is finished, and with it ends all personal solicitude upon the subject. My duty done, yours begins; and I gladly hand over the whole matter to the judgment of the American people and of their representatives in Congress."

The article will soon appear before the tribunal, whose convictions so seldom, if ever, go against what I will have no policy to enforce. My opinion remains unchanged; indeed, it is confirmed by the report that the interests of our country and of San Domingo alike invite the annexation of that Republic."

But partisan passion still rules the hour.

The cry was raised that we wanted no singular possessions; that San Domingo would be detrimental, and that we should not touch it. To this there was a general assent over the country than it is only natural to say to read any issue of any newspaper, Republican or Democratic, from Maine to Louisiana; the speech of the "statesmen" who were so loud and fierce a short three years since. Upon every side the cry goes up for instant and immediate war upon Cuba, and the Administration is all but censured because, in defiance of the Constitution and of law, the President does not send a fleet of iron-clads and an army to take immediate possession of the island and make it part of the United States. The judgment and the decision of the President are at last approved by the very men and by the very press who derided and denounced him less than thirty-six months ago.

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